

ABSTRACT

A frame forwarding scheme for network stations operating in a shared medium data transmissions network. The frame forwarding scheme uses payload encapsulating delimiters and control information in the payload to enable a frame originating from a first station and intended for a second station to be forwarded to the second station by an intermediate station. The first station selects a station as an intermediate station for purposes of frame forwarding based on the data transmission quality or reliability to be achieved using that station as an intermediate station.

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